

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-24 are pending.

In the Office Action, claims 10-16 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten into independent form to recite the features of their base and intervening claims. Claim 10 has been rewritten in this manner. Applicants therefore submit that claim 10 and its dependent claims are in allowable condition.

Claims 1-9 and 17-22 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) for being anticipated by the Yasukura patent. Applicants request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection for the following reasons.

The Yasukura patent discloses performing various authentication processes prior to allowing a user to perform a transaction on an access terminal. The authentication process involves checking an authentication card and then checking biological data of the user if the card was determined to be authentic. However, the Yasukura patent does not teach or suggest the features added by amendment to claim 1, including “confirming whether a secondary authentication for said controlled device is required, if said first user authentication was successful, is based on a type of controlled device.” (See, for example, Figure 8 which provides a non-limiting list of examples of the types of controlled devices in connection with claim 1).

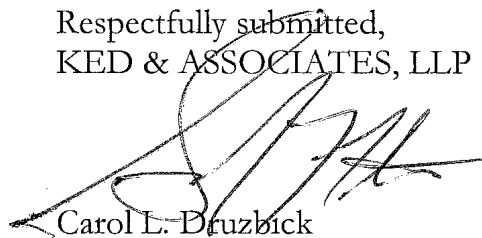
Because the Yasukura patent does not disclose all the features in claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that Yasukura does not anticipate claim 1 or any of its dependent claims. Withdrawal of the § 102 rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 18 and 19 have been amended to recite features similar to those which patentably distinguish claim 1 from the Yasukura patent. Furtherance of these and their dependent claims to allowance is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and timely allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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